**Immigrant Letter Home 20 points**

* Complete the website activity about Ellis Island.

Emails and texts used to be called LETTERS. You are a European immigrant (German, Irish, Norwegian, Jewish, Russian or Italian; man or women – you decide) from the **1880s** and have been in the United States for a year. You are an “average” person meaning that you are in your 20s and are coming here with little money and education. Using the assignments you have done in class, you are going to write a ***detailed*** letter home to your parents, friends or family about ***all of the following***. This should be 1 page or more long. **First Person**.

* **1. Your journey to the U.S.** 
  + Where are you coming from?
  + You had to have taken a ship – what was it like? Describe the conditions of the ship and the voyage itself.
* **2. Where are you in the U.S. (make sure you know if it is a state or territory?** 
  + Rural (farm)?
  + Or Town?
  + Describe what it is like
    - Looks like
    - The weather
    - Where you live (house, apartment?)
* **3. What is life like in your area?**
  + What are the people like?
  + Who are your friends – have you met people from other cultures?
  + What is the food like?
  + What do you do for fun?
* **4. What do you want to accomplish – what are your goals and dreams about living in the U.S.?**
* **5. What is going on politically?** 
  + Demonstrate what you know about the time period
  + Demonstrate what you know about the place you live at this time
  + Discuss what big things were going on in the country (racial tensions and segregation, women’s rights, Indian Removal Act, Westward Expansion)
* **6. Lastly, give your family advice about coming over seas.**